



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 172.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, June 09, 2017 at 10.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious
Affairs

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and the
Chief Government Whip

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Higher Education and Highways and Leader of
the House of Parliament

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan
Heritage

Hon. S. B. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural
Affairs

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and
Wildlife

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Science, Technology and Research

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration and
Management

Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Development Assignments

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Ports and Shipping

- Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne**, Ministry of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development
- Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
- Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa**, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management
- Hon. D. M. Swaminathan**, Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs
- Hon. Rauff Hakeem**, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
- Hon. P. Harrison**, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs
- Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**, Minister of Regional Development
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- Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**, State Minister of Lands
- Hon. Niroshan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
- Hon. A. D. Premadasa**, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs
- Hon. Palitha Range Bandara**, State Minister of Irrigation
- Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance
- Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe**, State Minister of International Trade
- Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research
- Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah**, State Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement
- Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie**, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation
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- Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation
- Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**, Deputy Minister of Finance and Mass Media
- Hon. Faizal Cassim**, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
- Hon. Dunesh Gankanda**, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management
- Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne**, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment
- Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment
- Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana**, Deputy Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- Hon. Susantha Punchinilame**, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and Management
- Hon. Ajith P. Perera**, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
- Hon. Indika Bandaranayake**, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital
Infrastructure

Hon. Duleep Wijesekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim
Religious Affairs

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. Premalal Jayasekara

Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam

Hon. Sirinal de Mel

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka

Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake

Hon. Douglas Devananda

Hon. Mohamed Navavi

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara

Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera

Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra

Hon. S. Premarathna

Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda

Hon. S. M. Marikkar

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana

Hon. K. Kader Masthan

Hon. Imran Maharroof

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga

Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa

Hon. Gamini Lokuge

Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi

Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne

Hon. A. A. Wijethunga

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna

Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara

Hon. Heshan Withanage

Hon. Kumara Welgama

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. Rajavarothingam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. E. Saravanapavan

Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Kanaka Herath

Hon. Vijitha Herath

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Acting Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcement by the Speaker : (1) Speaker made the following announcement:-

“ I wish to inform that I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled ‘Civil Procedure Code (Amendment)’ on 07th June 2017 in terms of the Provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Development Finance for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Home Affairs presented the Annual Performance and Accounts Report of Mullaitivu District Secretariat for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Consumer Affairs Authority for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Wajira Abeywardana presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 05.11.2016 from Mr. B.H. Chandima Lailwala of “Sagarika”, Haupegewatta, Poddala;
 - (ii) a petition dated 25.11.2016 from Mr. D.M.Sarath of No. 102, Temple Road, Thuduwegoda, Hikkaduwa;
 - (iii) a petition dated 20.01.2017 from Mr. G.W.P Chandrawansa of c/o G.W.S. Padmakumara, No. 422, Welipitiyamodara, Ginthota;
 - (iv) a petition dated 07.02.2017 from Mr. Kamal Pemathilaka of Maha Uragaha, Uragaha;
 - (v) a petition dated 10.11.2016 from Mr. L.N.R.L.Samarasinghe of No. 10, Sangamiththa Mawatha, Kandy;
 - (vi) a petition dated 29.10.2016 from Mr. M.K.D.B. Susiripala of Debaragahawatta, Thalpe;
 - (vii) a petition dated 20.11.2016 from Mrs. Rammuthu Wijewathie of No. 36/07, Subadrarama Road, Wellawatta, Balapitiya;
 - (viii) a petition dated 01.11.2016 from Mr. Rasika Prasanna Rathnayaka serving at Police Field Force Head-Quarters, Colombo 05;
 - (ix) a petition dated 20.12.2016 from Mr. W.D. Jayarathna of No. 117/2, Ananda Mawatha, Kithulampitiya, Galle; and
 - (x) a petition dated 19.02.2017 from Mr. Y. Dayasiri of “Senasuma”, Devinigoda, Rathgama.
- (2) Hon. Premalal Jayasekara presented a petition dated 23.08.2016 from Mr. P. P. D. Abeygunawardana of ‘Sirinivasa’, Dodampe, Rathnapura.
- (3) Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 13.03.2017 from Mr. G. Saman Kumara of No. 324/C2, Raigam Bandara Mawatha, Raigama, Bandaragama;
 - (ii) a petition dated 08.03.2017 from Mrs. K.A.D. Thushari Madhuka Kuruppu No. 232, Malalasekara watta, Wanduramulla, Panadura; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 11.02.2017 from Mr. M. Pathmadasa de Silva of No. 65, Karunarathna Road, Mullapitiya, Beruwala.
- (4) Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 06.04.2017 from Mr. A.D. Dayarathna of No. 03, 10th Lane, Yahallawatta, Avissawella; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 20.03.2017 from Mr. D. Garusinghe of Secretary, DIRIYA Citizens Society, No. 23, Y.S.S, Thunkama.
- (5) Hon. Mohamed Navavi presented a petition dated 22.03.2017 from Mr. A.M. Thansim of Karthiv, Pomparippu, Puttalam.
- (6) Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 11.08.2016 from Mrs. N.H. Chamdima Kumari of No. 28, Konegahawatta, V.C. Road, Kalegana, Galle;

- (ii) a petition dated 29.07.2016 from Mr. P.K.D.K.S. Gunasekara of No. 275/2, Patabendimulla, Ambalangoda; and
- (iii) a petition dated 04.01.2017 from Mr. R. Sunil Chandrasiri de Silva of Garadeniyawatta, Imbulagoda, Rathgama.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order No. 25A of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

4. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Business of the House be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016 as per the decision of the Committee on Parliamentary Business this morning.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment (Disastrous situation arisen due to Floods and Landslides) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 12.07 p.m. Hon. Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of City Planning and Water Supply moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.31 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,—That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.17 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.19 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Disaster Management moved,—That Hon. Shehan Semasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.39 p.m. Hon. Shehan Semasinghe took the Chair.)

The Minister of Disaster Management moved,—That Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.45 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 8.34 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.